

Memorandum



Date: July 7, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava *Daniella Levine Cava*
Mayor

Subject: Transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. M-16 from Falck Southeast II, Corp. d/b/a American Ambulance Service to United Medical Transportation LLC

Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

Executive Summary

The purpose of this item is for the Board of County Commissioners (Board) to approve the transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) No. M-16 currently held by Falck Southeast II, Corp. d/b/a American Ambulance Service to United Medical Transportation. The company is currently authorized to operate 43 active units and nine spare units. In August 2020, the company informed the County that it had entered into an asset acquisition agreement with United Medical Transportation, LCC, which included COPCN No. M-16.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of COPCN No. M-16 from Falck Southeast II, Corp. d/b/a American Ambulance Service to United Medical Transportation.

Scope

The COPCN applies countywide, allowing the certificate holder to operate in unincorporated and incorporated areas of Miami-Dade County.

Delegation of Authority

There is no delegation of authority under this item.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Licensing, operating, permit, and inspection fees are collected by the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) to support regulatory activities. There is minimal impact to the County since the application involves the transfer of an existing certificate. The transfer application fee collected, as established by Implementing Order No. 4-136, was \$1,500.

Track Record/Monitor

This applicant will be a new certificate holder and complies with all requirements of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The principals of the corporation, Mr. Raymond Gonzalez and Mr. Rene Gonzalez, are also the principals of MCT Express, Inc. d/b/a Miami-Dade Ambulance, the holder of COPCN No. M-14, providing ground ambulance service. DTPW will be responsible for monitoring this company.

Background

Chapter 4, Article I of the Miami-Dade County Code (Code), which governs ambulances and medical transportation vehicles, requires Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to be approved by the Board. Section 4-4(g) provides that any change in the ownership structure of a Certificate Holder that

results in a change or the possibility of change in control must also be approved by the Board. The transfer of a certificate requires that a public hearing be held. In reaching its determination, the Board shall consider the application, the County Mayor’s report and recommendation, all matters presented at the public hearing and the following criteria:

- The financial ability of the applicant to provide the proposed services;
- The adequacy of the management plan;
- Any recommendations from municipalities;
- The benefits that will accrue to the public interest; and
- The community’s need for the proposed service.

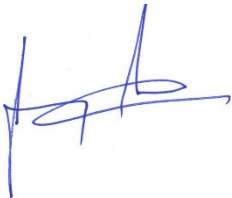
Falck Southeast II, Corp. has been providing ambulance service in Miami-Dade County since 2012. The company is currently authorized to operate 43 active units and nine spare units. In August 2020, the company informed the County that it had entered into an asset acquisition agreement with United Medical Transportation, LLC, which included COPCN No. M-16.

United Medical Transportation, LLC, located at 2766 NW 62 Street, Miami, Florida 33147, is a new certificate holder. The principals of the corporation, Mr. Raymond Gonzalez and Mr. Rene Gonzalez, currently hold COPCN No. M-14, providing ground ambulance service. The company has the necessary financial strength to sustain its operations. In accordance with the Code, staff will monitor quarterly and annual fiscal and other statistical data on an ongoing basis.

The management plan submitted by the applicant details the business functions that will be conducted and managed, including employee/crew training, a mechanism to handle complaints, accidents, maintenance, communications and dispatch, maintenance of business records and a quality assurance program. The proposed service standards meet all requirements of the Code and adequately meet transportation and comfort needs.

The benchmark response times provided by the applicant are within the parameters of being reasonably responsive to the expectations of customers and are in line with the other providers’ self-imposed schedule of benchmark response times.

A notice of the application filing was transmitted to all County municipalities and certificate holders as required. No objections were received. The public will benefit from the continued availability of a highly specialized, equipped and staffed ambulance service operating in compliance with federal, state and County regulations.



Jimmy Morales
Chief Operations Officer



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 7, 2022

FROM: 
Gen Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(B)(1)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-7-22

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. M-16 FROM
FALCK SOUTHEAST II, CORP. D/B/A AMERICAN
AMBULANCE SERVICE TO UNITED MEDICAL
TRANSPORTATION, LLC TO PROVIDE GROUND
AMBULANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that in accordance with chapter 4 of the Code, the transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. M-16 from Falck Southeast II, Corp. d/b/a American Ambulance Service to United Medical Transportation, LLC to provide ground ambulance service is approved.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ ,
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman	
Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Vice Chairman	
Sen. René García	Keon Hardemon
Sally A. Heyman	Danielle Cohen Higgins
Eileen Higgins	Joe A. Martinez
Kionne L. McGhee	Jean Monestime
Raquel A. Regalado	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of July, 2022. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Dale P. Clarke
Bruce Libhaber